

**MINUTES**  
**UTAH**  
**BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**  
**MEETING**

**September 5, 2007**

**Room 402 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 1:00 P.M.**  
**Heber Wells Building**  
**Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 1:02 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 2:35 p.m.

**Bureau Manager:**

Clyde Ormond

**Board Secretary:**

Jacky Adams

**Board Members Present:**

Robert Bowen, Chairperson  
Gordon Haycock  
Ruth Potkins  
Michael Blackburn  
MacRay Curtis

**Board Members Absent:**

**Guests:**

Larry Deppe – UACPA (Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants)  
Frank Carlton – USPA (Utah Society of Public Accountants)  
Jerry VanOs – CPA Education Committee Representative  
Angie Anderson - UACPA

**DOPL Staff Present:**

Mitchell Jones, Attorney General Representative

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**  
**MINUTES:**

Ms. Potkins seconded by Mr. Blackburn made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2007 Board Meeting, the motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1:15 p.m.        Johnson, Charles

Mr. Johnson appeared for his scheduled probationary interview with the Board. Mr. Ormond reviewed Mr. Johnson MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), explained that Mr. Johnson has not submitted an “Employer Report” since May 2007.

After a brief discussion it was determined that Mr. Johnson is required to submit his June and September “Employer Reports”. And must meet again with the Board on

December 5, 2007 at 1:15 p.m., with a current “Employer Report”.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**UACPA Letter from Ron Frandsen – Peer Review**

Mr. Frandsen, President of UACPA, submitted a letter to the Division and Board regarding the proposed AICPA (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) Peer Review Database. Mr. Frandsen’s letter explained that UACPA is concerned with this database, based on only AICPA and UACPA registered CPAs (Certified Public Accountants) will be represented. The letter further explained that since the database does not include all licensed CPAs, the database is incomplete. This could cause some CPAs, who fail to meet the standards of practice for this profession, to be disciplined while others, who are not represented in the database, may not be. Mr. Ormond then explained that some of the members of the Peer Review Committee to the Utah Board of Accountancy had submitted their opinions as well, all opinions have agreed with Mr. Frandsen’s.

Mr. Bowen agreed with Mr. Frandsen, commenting that he felt that the database was essential to helping the Division monitor this profession, and if all CPAs would be represented, the database could be a vital tool to the Division.

**Supervisor and Supervising Definitions**

After a detailed discussion Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Haycock made a motion to not adopt any section of the proposed “Global Definition of Supervision”, the motion carried unanimously.

**Regional Directors’ Focus Questions**

Mr. Ormond requested the Boards advice on how to answer the “Regional Directors’ Focus Questions”. After a brief discussion all questions were answered. It was then determined to submit a copy of a previous letter the Board had submitted, with their concerns with the UAA (Uniform Accountancy Act) Exposure Draft.

**Weber State University – Master of Taxation Degree Program**

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to R156-26a-302a which will allow an individual with a Graduate Degree in Taxation, to meet the qualifications to sit for the AICPA exams, and obtain licensure within this State.

After a detailed discussion it was determined that R156-26a-302a should be rewritten to insure that a Graduate Degree in Taxation can be obtained by meeting the requirements of R156-26a-302 (1)(a)(ii)(A)or(B)or(C).

**CPA Mobility**

Mr. Ormond explained that the Division and UACPA have been discussing proposed changes to R156-26a to allow for “CPA Mobility”. After a detailed review by Division staff,

Mr. Stanley sent a letter to UACPA, on August 15, 2007, explaining that due to the nature of the changes UAPCA is proposing “CPA Mobility” cannot be accomplished by a Rules change alone. The letter further stated that, the Division does not have the authority to “enlarge and modify practice standards and definitions” only the legislature has such authority.

#### Proposed Rules Changes

Mr. Ormond reviewed the proposed changes to R156-26a, as requested by the Education Committee, the Board, and UACPA. He explained that some changes will be made to:

R156-26a-102 – additional definitions will be added to assist in defining this profession;

R156-26a-302a - to allow for a graduate degree in taxation to meet the requirements to sit for the AICPA exam, and to obtain licensure;

R156-26a-302d – will be corrected to R156-26a-302c, due to a previous change;

R156-26a-303a (9)(c) – will be corrected due to a previous change;

R156-26a-303a (10) – will be corrected due to a previous change;

R156-26a-303a (12) – will be reworded based on there no longer being a “Committee Assigned Review Team”;

R156-26a-305 – “Subsection” will be added to formalize the wording;

R156-26a-307 (3) – will be corrected to read more smoothly;

R156-26a-501 – will be rewritten to better define “Unprofessional Conduct”;

R156-26a will be rewritten to reflect that all references referring to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing will be “Division” while all references referring to Upper and/or Lower division classes will be “division”; and “board” will be expanded to read Utah Board of Accountancy.

Mr. Jones then suggested not making all of the changes at this point. And waiting to see if “CPA Mobility” as added to 58-26a at the next legislative session, the Board and UACPA agreed.

It was then determined that all Board members will review the proposed changes and it will be determined at the next meeting on October 3, 2007, what changes will be recommended.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

November 7, 2007	(ss) Robert Bowen
Date Approved	Chairperson, Certified Public Accountants Licensing Board

November 7, 2007	(ss) Clyde Ormond
Date Approved	Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing